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Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-7, 9, 12-30, 35-40, and 56-58 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 31 and 32 as indicated below in the **Listing of Claims**.

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-30. (Canceled)

Claim 31. (Currently Amended) A virally-immortalized hepatocyte, said hepatocyte;

(a) being derived from a normal liver cell;

(b) being nontumorigenic;

(c) naturally producing endogenous therapeutic plasma proteins (TPPs); and

(d) being stable in culture and not undergoing dedifferentiation in culture

~~The hepatocyte according to claim 1~~, wherein said hepatocyte is Fa2N-4 (ATCC # PTA-5566).

Claim 32. (Currently Amended) A virally-immortalized hepatocyte, said hepatocyte;

(a) being derived from a normal liver cell;

(b) being nontumorigenic;

(c) naturally producing endogenous therapeutic plasma proteins (TPPs); and

(d) being stable in culture and not undergoing dedifferentiation in culture

~~The hepatocyte according to claim 1~~, wherein said hepatocyte is EalC-35 (ATCC # PTA-5565).

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33-58. (Canceled).